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Today's News - February 18, 2004

Today we celebrate ANN's second anniversary! (here's to many more...) – Cities everywhere dealing with downtown and waterfront revitalization. – A town gets a TV makeover. – Shortlist for Vancouver Art Gallery makeover. – High praise for a California homeless shelter and a Kansas City child care center. – A sustainable "hobbit-hole" house will lose the battle to bulldozers, but (hopefully) will win the war. – Starbucks has its eye on Ireland. – New digs for Dallas arts magnet school closer to reality. – Holyrood wanted a horseshoe but got a banana - doesn't want to pay for redesign and delay. – A night with Wright a sweet dream-come-true. – Starchitects and industrial designers make Wired magazine's Rave list.

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A wise design for downtown architecture: It is, of course, a delicate question of how far the city should go in requiring developers to meet improved architectural standards. The Edmonton Journal (Canada)

What's your ideal downtown? Phoenix Futures Downtown Survey...along with more public discussion will be used to help mold a plan... - Jerde Partnership-Arizona Republic

Breathing new life into derelict area: Proposal would add 6,000 housing units. By Christopher Hume - Urban Design Associates [image]- Toronto Star

Cities find support of arts boosts jobs, tourism, vitalilty- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Waterfront 'Access' May Actually Keep Public Out: Even with certain contextual design features built into the zoning, high rise housing is likely to create a wall of luxury apartments...- Gotham Gazette

<u>Lights, Camera, Design, Action! The UK's newest TV makeover</u> program...revitalization of an entire town...pulled in a top design shortlist despite the minimal fee...- The Architect's Newspaper

Vancouver Art Gallery issues redesign shortlist - Peter Cardew Architects; Machado and Silvetti Associates; Micahel Maltzan Architecture; Alsop Architects/Robbie Young + Wright Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Architect enhances shelters for homeless: "People are starting to understand the quality of the environment is an important aspect" - Sam Davis- Contra Costa Times (California)

New child-care center earns applause for architect: Architects are like offensive linemen in football. Unless they make a mistake, they rarely get noticed. - Thomas Eatman/Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets- Kansas City Star

Champion of green homes bows to planners: Long battle to maintain sustainable roundhouse ends after national park threatens to send in bulldozers. "...we might have lost the battle but won the war." - Tony Wrench- Guardian (UK)

Starbucks cafe chain plans to launch in Ireland: has commissioned a Dublinbased architecture firm...responsible for the design of the five-star Morrison Hotel...to design 30 stores - Douglas Wallace- Irish Times

Dallas arts high school gets hefty donation: \$10 million toward construction of a larger, more modern building for the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. - Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture- Dallas Morning News

Call to cut fees of Holyrood designers: ...for designing a banana-shaped chamber instead of a horseshoe...redesign to get back to the initial plan delayed the project by at least four months. - Enric Miralles; RMJM-The Scotsman (UK)

A night with Wright: ...one of the world's most idiosyncratic skyscrapers — Wright's Price Tower... By Blair Kamin - Wendy Evans Joseph; Zaha Hadid- Chicago Tribune

Nominations Announced for Fifth Annual Wired Rave Awards - Pierre de Meuron and Jacques Herzog; Norman Foster; Jeanne Gang; Frank Gehry; Zaha Hadid; Laurene Leon Boym; etc.- PR Newswire

And the Winners Are: New Housing New York Competition Winners: Exhibition of inspiring designs for affordable, sustainable housing opens tomorrow.
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Habitat 825: An apartment building draws inspiration from its neighbor-Schindler's Kings Road House. - Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects [images]-ArchNewsNow

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